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DISCOVERY

Of a Womans wickednesse, in endeavouring to betray the City of L O N D O N to the Cavaliers, by discovering the strength of the said City to them, and giving notice of all our proceedings heerein.

Also declaring how she betrayed the Forces which were billeted at
BRAIN F O R D.

With a manifestation of the certainty of the death of Prince

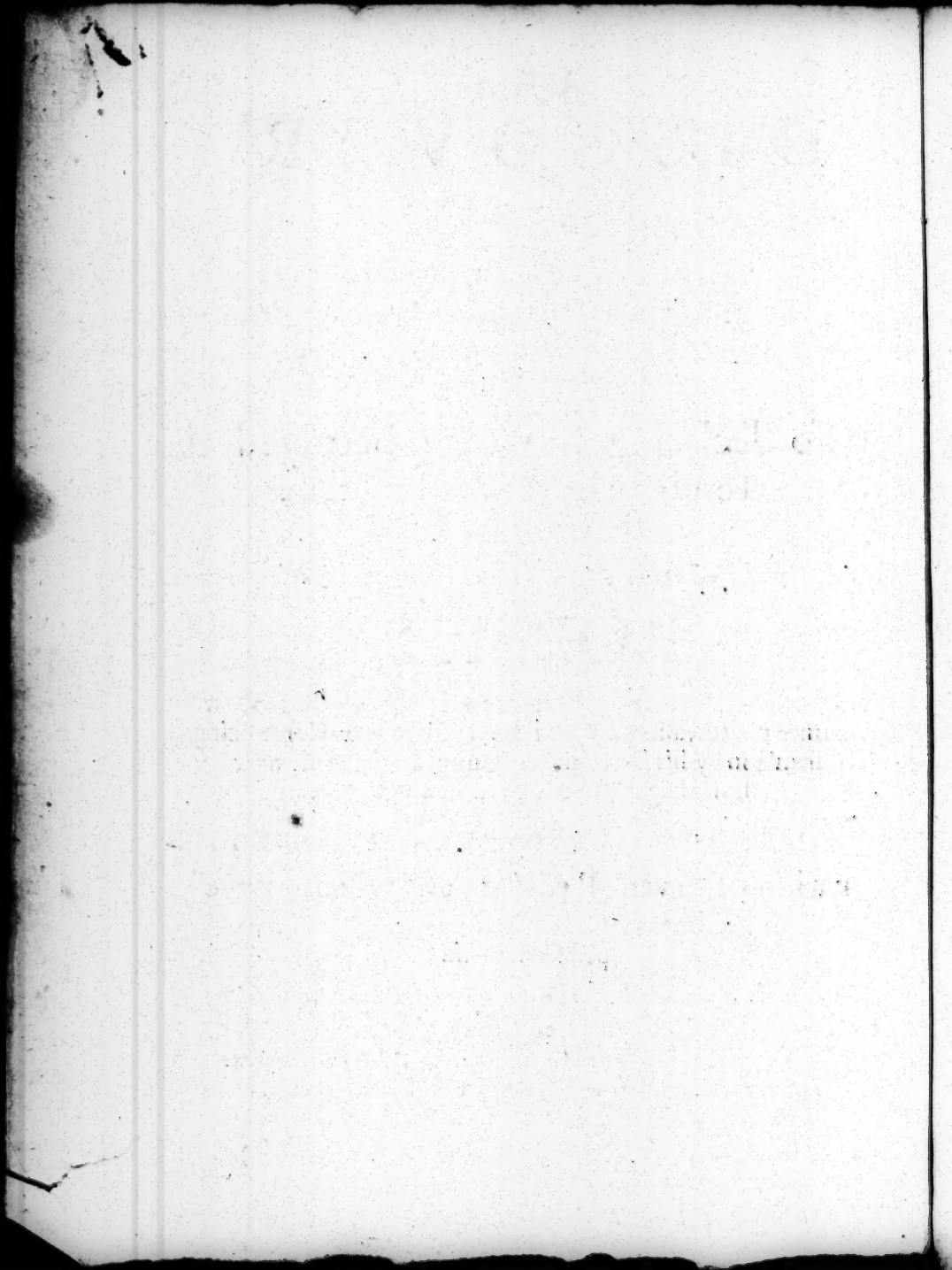
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Also a Declaration, wherein in is manifested by what means the Cavaliers escaped from before *Siem-Honse*, being hem'd in by his Excellencies Army, with the manner how they tooke the Towne of *Kingston*.

Whereunto is Annexed the Examination of seven Red-Coates, which were taken Prisoners by the Cavaliers, but since escaped from them.

Wherein is declared how the King and Prince on Munday morning walked aside out of the Roade, to a poore womans House, where walking in the Garden, his Majesty was scene to weepe bitterly, expressing much Griefe and Anguish.

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Exceeding true Newes from both A R M I E S



ON *Sunday* his Excellence with all his whole Army marched towards *Sion-House*, where the King was with his undanted Host, full forty thousand strong, of Horse and Foot, the Generalls Army being all together, are fifty thousand besides the Trained-Bands, he fixt his Forces within Cannon-shot, that they might view his Army, towards the Evening a Messenger from his Majesty did come to desire the Battaille might be deferred three dayes longer, his Excellence sent his Royall Master word, he would not deferre it one day, but to morrow being *Monday*, by the helpe of Almighty God he would fall on the Cavaliers, and try who hath the rightfull cause: With that he made his Army divide themselves, halfe to the right-hand, and halfe to the left, and the Ordnance to be placed as he gave direction: This *Sion-House* stands neere the River Thames, and the Kings forces did all lye before it, and their Ordnance behind them. His Excellencies Army within halfe an houre were just within the manner of an halfe Moone, that they

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had no way to passe but through them, or else to leape into the Water and there perish.

The Cavaliers beeing hem'd in, and no way to escape, it seemes they wrought with his Maiesty to send unto his Excellence againe, but hearing that he would not admit of one houres Treaty after this night was spent, they were inforced to rest satisfied, the night being spent, and the morning appearing, his Excellence commanded a warning piece to be sent to the Cavaliers, to bid them prepare for Battaille, they discharged another, as who should say, make ready we will be for you presently, but the Piece which the Generall caused to be shot to dare them to the fight, was charged with nothing but powder, and shot at randome, but theirs with deaths messenger, taking full ayme, whizzed through our Army, and slew a poore woman and her child, lying in Childbed, as after it was related, the Generall hearing the noyse of the bullet, caused the biggest Piece of Ordnance to be charged, to the end that another Bullet might be sent to them, which being performed, it struck quite through Sion-House, as to the Army did appeare, an Arch was newly made, for man and Horse to passe through, but the Cavaliers with all their valour and braving wordes, durst not returne another to us, for feare the House should fly about their Eares, and the place be to hot for them.

Yet all this time they did not discover their intentions in the least particular, by any action of theirs whereby we might have cause to suspect them.

But

But sounded their Trumpets, as if they did intend with all possible speed, to prepare to fight.

They drew up their Horse all before the Foot and seemed as resolute as men that were quite void of feare.

His Excellence beleeving they would fight, made ready with all speed to entertaine them, but being some houre or thereabouts, busy in placing and directing of his Army, all the Cavaliers that were on Horsebacke, stood double rank't a breast, making a full Front, whilst behind them, unseen, and unknowne to his Excellence, the Foot and all the Ordnance, with the other Carriages and Waggon, stole away close by the River side, and so undiscovered got to *Kingston*.

Where being arrived, the Draw-Bridge was let downe to entertaine them, the Cavaliers having shot off a warning-piece to give notice that they were there.

The Cavaliers that remained, began to make a daring Challenge, as who should say come on, we are ready. With that our Generall said unto his Army, go on in Gods name, winne but this day, the field is ours forever.

With that, our side overjoyed gave such a shout, the Drummes and Trumpets were not heard, and still continued it marching up to them, clapping each other sprightly on the shoulders, that their joy seemed beyond Expression.

But when the Cavaliers did see them comming, with such undanted spirits, they turned their backs and rid as fast away as an arrow flies from an Archers Bow, and got into *Kingston Towne*.

Where being no sooner come, but the Draw bridge was straight puld up againe, his Excellence march-ed with all speed after them, but all in vaine for no entrance could be had. In the pursuit some of the Dragoones had taken by the River side, two of the Princes footmen, and a Woman, the Footmen were sear up to the Parliament, the Woman they examined what she was, and how long had beene with their Army, but nothing she would confesse, with that they threw her into the River with a long match tyed about her waste; then she desired them for to spare her, and shee would tell the truth, and nothing else but truth, with that they puld her up againe; she then confest she had been two moneths in the Kings Army, and had the constant pay of Fourteene shillings a weeke, to be a Spie and bring them newes from his Excellencies Army what e-very day shee heard, which she had to them faith-fully performed to the disadvantage of the Parlia-ments forces, and that shee had been often of late in the City of *London* to heare how and which way the People stood affected both to the King and Par-liament.

Of what preparations were making to entertaine the Cavaliers, and every particular there done, that might concerne the Cavaliers advantage, and how she stayed behind now to heare how his Excellence

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would relish this their flight, and what he intended afterward to doe, besides this she spoke for certain, and bad them give credit to it, for it was true, that Prince *Robert* was slain for certaine in the Battaille at *Keneton*, and buried at *Christ-Colledge* Chapell in *Oxford*, and that an *Irish* Commander very like him, led the Army in his shape and Armes, this being confessed, they kil'd her presently, and threw her Body backe into the River.

Seven of the forry Red Coates that were taken prisoners, are come backe from *Kingston*, and one of them said, that the King before he entered into *Kingston* Towne, he and the Prince secretly went to a poore womans House upon the More, and asked the Woman, if she had any victuals, she answered the best she had if it pleased him to accept, he should be welcome, being come in, the House being somewhat little, she intreated his Worship, (not knowing that he was the King) to be pleased while she made ready something fitting for them, to walke into the Garden, the King and Prince both walking there together, the Woman coming into a backe Roome, looked through a little Windowe, where she beheld his Majesty wringing his hands, and heaving them up to heaven, with floods of teares running downe his cheekes, she called her Maid and said, looke yonder, alas how yonder Gentleman weepes and beates his breast, and the young Youth how sad and discontented he appeares, but doth not shed no reares at all.

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Thus he continued till she had made ready that
 that little mceity that she had, and she called
 them in, but being no sooner set but a dozen of the
 Cavaliers came to the House and there inquired
 for him, the woman told them there was two
 Gentlemen within, but what they were she knew
 nor, in they went, and there they found the King,
 may it please your Maiefty said one of them, we
 are glad we have found you, will your grace enter
 into the Towne, for the Enemy is marching this
 way, the King replied with a deepe sigh, even where
 you please, so he rose from the Table, and gave the
 woman five Pieces, then he tooke Horse and rode
 to the Towne with them, but some of the Cava-
 liers went backe to the woman, and tooke the gould,
 from her which the King gave her, and all the rest
 she had of money, or monies-worth that they could
 well carry.

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